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Editorial

The Indiana Conference

It was our privilege to be present at the annual session of the Indiana State conference held at Roann, October 1-4 inclusive. It is always a pleasure to meet with these people in conference assembled for more than one reason. The earnestness, the spirit of love and the oneness of purpose which more and more characterize these yearly gatherings give evidence of divine growth and development in the higher life, not alone in the individual but in the church life as well. It is gratifying to note this progress in the advancement of the kingdom of God.

ORGANIZATION OF THE CONFERENCE

When this conference assembles it is organized and ready for business. All officers are elected the year before, and there is no uncertainty as to who the moderator and other officers of the organization shall be, no jangling, and no time lost. This it seems to us is a happy feature, and one that deserves the consideration of other State conferences, and even of our National Organization.

SERMONS, PAPERS, AND BUSINESS

The business of the conference is happily interspersed with papers and sermons bearing directly upon the work of the conference. We have not space to make mention of the several practical papers read at this meeting. They will be published in the EVANGELIST. Three sermons were programmed for the meeting, the first Monday evening by the moderator, Brother Summers, which we regret to say it was not our privilege to hear, tho we heard it very highly spoken of. On Tuesday evening brother W. H. Miller preached to an overflowing house and a very attentive congregation on the Parable of the Mustard Seed. The discourse was well prepared, and the line of thought in harmony with the purpose of the conference. Brother Miller emphasized the fact that the life of the Spirit in the individual and in the kingdom of God is a growth, a development. On Wednesday evening brother G. W. Rench delivered a master discourse, labeled "A Missionary Sermon." If space permitted we should like to give an outline of this discourse. Every sentence showed

careful preparation and an end in view. Brother Rench meant to accomplish something in the preparation and delivery of the sermon, and he did not fail in his purpose. He had in view a definite end, aimed at it, and "hit" it. The text was, "Go up and possess the land." We regret that we do not have this sermon together with the others for publication in the EVANGELIST.

BIBLE READING

A very interesting and helpful feature of the conference was the Bible Reading on Prayer given by brother C. F. Yoder, closing with an address on the Lord's Prayer. A Bible reading should be a part of the program of every State conference, as it is of our National.

ATTENDANCE AND ENTERTAINMENT

The attendance was very large and the entertainment excellent in every way. The large attendance of delegates (lacking only two of one hundred), the splendid program and the manner in which it was executed, are largely due to the indefatigable efforts of the secretary, brother W. H. Miller who has put his soul into the work. At each of the day sessions the house was well filled, and at night many could not find even standing room. Meals were furnished in a hall at ten cents per meal. Lodging was free. Of the hospitality of the people it is not needful that we should write, for the spirit of this people is known thru-out the brotherhood.

THE PUBLISHING HOUSE.

The publishing interests always have a warm place in the hearts of these people. Brother Summers gave us special attention and help in our work, and we thank him for his kindness. He is one of the "standbys" of the church, earnest, sincere, faithful, and strong in the faith. Long may he live to do the Lord service. Many are the battles he and Brother Swihart have fought for the Lord, and judging from their activity the last one has not yet been fought.

HOME WORK.

The people of Indiana, while they do not neglect the interests of the brotherhood in general, are making special efforts in behalf of State work. Brother Rench, at the close of his sermon, made an appeal for 1,000 consecrated teachers, 1,000 souls for Christ,